



Risen Christ Lutheran Church  
15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Worship  
September 10, 2023 9:30am

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**ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION** – (2nd & 4th Sundays) We believe: that Christ’s body and blood are truly present for forgiveness and spiritual strength, that God desires our sincere confession, continuous seeking and giving forgiveness and, that being genuine in taking Communion so that we not harm ourselves by taking it in an unworthy manner. If you believe the above, are a baptized believer who trusts in the death and resurrection of Jesus for the forgiveness of sins, and have examined yourself, you are welcome to commune with us. Please talk to Pastor if you have any questions. The bread is offered before the “individual” and “common” cups of wine. (Note: White Non-Alcoholic Wine is in the center of the tray.)

**OFFERING** – Through the offerings of His faithful people, our Lord provides for the ongoing work of His Church. If you are a visitor, we are glad that you came to be served by the Lord this day. If you choose to contribute to the ongoing work of the Gospel, we give thanks that God has moved you to contribute toward the work of sharing the Gospel here in Plymouth and around the world! You can also take advantage of Online Giving by visiting [www.RisenChrist.info](http://www.RisenChrist.info)

**A WORD TO OUR GUESTS** – Welcome and thank you for coming. Please complete a Worship Card and place it in the offering plate. Pastor will send you a welcome card. Please indicate that you "desire" a call for any further contact.

**Large Print Bulletins** – Available from an usher.

**Listening Assistance Devices** – Available at the Sound Booth.

**Parent Room** – A row of seating and plenty of area for standing or walking is available in the Welcome Area/Lobby (“Narthex”)

**For Children** – Children’s Book Cart for Worship: Available in the Welcome Area.

**Pre-service Music** *by Jennifer Kirk*

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Call to Worship – Build My Life**

1. Worthy of ev’ry song we could ever sing  
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring  
Worthy of ev’ry breath we could ever breathe  
We live for You **CHORUS**

2. Jesus the name above ev’ry other name  
Jesus the only one who could ever save  
Worthy of ev’ry breath we could ever breathe  
We live for You  
We live for You **CHORUS**

**CHORUS: Holy there is no one like You  
There is none beside You**

***Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are  
And fill me with Your heart  
And lead me in Your love to those around me***

**BRIDGE:** I will build my life upon Your love  
It is a firm foundation  
I will put my trust in You alone ... And I will not be shaken

## Invocation and Opening Sentences

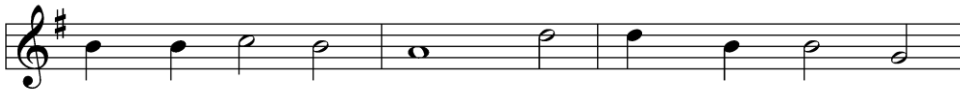
*Psalm 65:1-4*

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** **Amen.**
- P** Praise is due to You, O God, in Zion,  
**C** **and to You shall vows be performed.**
- P** O You who hears prayer, to You shall all flesh come.  
**C** **When iniquities prevail against me, You atone for our transgressions.**
- P** Blessed is the one You choose and bring near, to dwell in Your courts!  
**C** **We shall be satisfied with the goodness of Your house, the holiness of Your temple!**

## Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing My  
 2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, As -  
 3 Je - sus! The name that charms our fears, That  
 4 He breaks the pow'r of can - celed sin; He



great Re - deem - er's praise, The glo - ries of my  
 sist me to pro - claim, To spread through all the  
 bids our sor - rows cease; 'Tis mu - sic in the  
 sets the pris - 'ner free. His blood can make the



God and King, The tri - umphs of His grace!  
 earth a - broad, The hon - ors of Thy name.  
 sin - ner's ears, 'Tis life and health and peace.  
 foul - est clean; His blood a - vails for me.

## Confession and Absolution

- P** Lord God Almighty,  
**C** **When I have a guilty conscience but choose to keep silent, the groaning of my heart makes it feel like my very bones are disintegrating. When I have a guilty conscience, Your hand becomes heavy upon me both day and night. When I have a guilty conscience, my strength dries up like a desert under the scorching heat of summer. I acknowledge my sin to You, and I will not try to cover my iniquity. I confess my transgressions to You, Lord. I ask You, for the sake of Your dear Son Jesus, to be gracious to me and forgive the iniquity of my sin. ref. Psalm 32:4-5**

**P** Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the one against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. Beloved in the Lord, God has heard your confession and declares you blessed, for Christ our Lord has died for you, has taken your sins upon Himself, and has given you His perfect righteousness. Therefore, as an Under-Shepherd of the Good Shepherd, my Lord Jesus Christ, and by His command He gave the night of His Resurrection, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit. *Psalm 32:1-2*

**G** Amen.

## Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

5 Look un - to Him, ye na - tions; own Your  
6 See all your sins on Je - sus laid; The  
7 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love Be

God, ye fall - en race. Look and be saved through  
Lamb of God was slain. His soul was once an  
now and ev - er giv'n By saints be - low and

faith a - lone, Be jus - ti - fied by grace.  
of - f'ring made For ev - 'ry soul of man.  
saints a - bove, The Church in earth and heav'n.

## Introit

*Psalm 92:1-4; antiphon: v. 5*

How great are your works, O LORD!

**Your thoughts are very deep!**

It is good to give thanks to the LORD,

**to sing praises to your name, O Most High;**

to declare your steadfast love in the morning,

**and your faithfulness by night,**

to the music of the lute and the harp,

**to the melody of the lyre.**

For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;

**at the works of your hands I sing for joy.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son**

**and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,**

**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

How great are your works, O LORD!

**Your thoughts are very deep!**

## Salutation and Prayer of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**G** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

O God, from whom all good proceeds,

**G** **grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading

**(SERMON TEXT TODAY)** *Ezekiel 33:7–9*

<sup>7</sup>“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

*Psalm 32:1–7*

**G** **Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.**

**I** *Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.*

**II** *For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.*

**I** *For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.*

**II** *I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity;*

**I** *I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,” and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.*

**II** *Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to You at a time when You may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.*

**G** **You are a hiding place for me; You preserve me from trouble; You surround me with shouts of deliverance.**

## Epistle

*Romans 13:1–10*

<sup>1</sup>Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. <sup>2</sup>Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. <sup>3</sup>For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, <sup>4</sup>for he is God’s servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God’s wrath on the wrongdoer.

<sup>5</sup>Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. <sup>6</sup>For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. <sup>7</sup>Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.

<sup>9</sup>The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## You Are My King (Amazing Love)

I'm forgiven  
Because You were forsaken  
I'm accepted  
You were condemned  
I'm alive and well  
Your Spirit is within me  
Because You died  
And rose again

***CHORUS: Amazing love  
How can it be  
That You my King  
Would die for me  
Amazing love  
I know it's true  
It's my joy to honor You  
In all I do I honor You***

***BRIDGE:*** You are my King  
You are my King  
Jesus You are my King  
Jesus You are my King

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## Verse

*Matthew 5:3*

**P** Alleluia. Blessed are the poor in spirit,

**C** **for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Alleluia.**

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 18:1–20*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" <sup>2</sup>And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them <sup>3</sup>and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>5</sup>"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, <sup>6</sup>but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

<sup>7</sup>“Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! <sup>8</sup>And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. <sup>9</sup>And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

<sup>10</sup>“See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. <sup>11</sup>For the Son of Man came to save the lost. <sup>12</sup>What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? <sup>13</sup>And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. <sup>14</sup>So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

<sup>15</sup>“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. <sup>16</sup>But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **Sermon – “The Ezekiels in This World Today”**

### **The Third Article** *(on Sanctification)*

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**P** *What does this mean?*

**I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.**

**In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.**

**In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.**

**On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.**

**This is most certainly true.**

**Offering – ONLINE GIVING** available at **www.RisenChrist.info** – Whether you are a visitor or a member, please turn in a **Worship Card** so we may know whom the Lord has served with His Word.

### **Create in Me a Clean Heart**

Create in me a clean heart, O God  
and renew a right spirit within me  
Create in me a clean heart, O God  
and renew a right spirit within me

Cast me not away from Thy presence, O Lord  
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation  
and renew a right spirit within me

### **Prayer of the Church**

**P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

**MEN** – We pray for the whole Church, that through it the goodness of God may be shared. And we pray for those who lead the Church, that, mentored by Your mercy, they do so with devotion and humility. Lord, in Your mercy,

**G** **hear our prayer.**

**WOMEN** – We pray for the nations of the world, asking that voices that call for peace be heard and that the rich bounty of creation be carefully nurtured and thoughtfully shared. Lord, in Your mercy,

**G** **hear our prayer.**

**MEN** – We pray for our families and everyone in them. Remove any sense of envy from among all of us, Lord, that we rejoice in the gifts You have given to each of us. Lord, in Your mercy,

**G** **hear our prayer.**

**WOMEN** – We pray for those whose work is dangerous and for those who feel that what they are doing is not noticed by others. Grant a sense of satisfaction to all people in their various vocations, that together we rejoice in times of prosperity and, in times of adversity, be of support to one another. Bless those engaged in works of Christian mercy. Lord, in Your mercy,

**G** **hear our prayer.**

**P** We pray for those whose lives know burdens and challenges, whose petitions are joined with ours. This day we commend to Your care ... and all Your children who are in need of prayer. Lord, in Your mercy,

**G** **hear our prayer.**

- P** We pray that our offerings given here this day be sacrifices acceptable to You, O Lord, and that, with Your blessing, they find holy usage to Your glory. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** With gratitude, we remember those who have completed their earthly journeys and who by faith now rejoice in Your presence. Grant that their memory among us be blessed. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** These things and whatsoever else we should have asked of You, grant us by Your mercy, O God, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.
- C** **Amen.**

### **Lift Up Your Hearts**

- P** The Lord be with you    **C** And also with you
- P** The Lord be with you    **C** And also with you
- P** Lift up your hearts

***All Sing***  
***We lift them to the Lord***  
***Let us give thanks***  
***To the Lord our God***  
***It is right to give Him***  
***Thanks and praise***

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### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

- P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Bless us and our worship this day through the working of the Holy Spirit that as we gather to receive the holy body and blood of our Lord and Savior we may be filled with Your heavenly peace and joy.
- C** **Amen.**

### **The Words of Our Lord**

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{†}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{†}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Proclamation of Christ

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## Lord's Prayer

**C** **Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## Pax Domini

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **Amen.**

## Communion

### **"O Come to The Altar"**

Are you hurting and broken within  
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin  
Jesus is calling  
Have you come to the end of yourself  
Do you thirst for a drink from the well  
Jesus is calling

***CHORUS: O come to the altar  
The Father's arms are open wide  
Forgiveness was bought with  
The precious blood of Jesus Christ***

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes  
Come today there's no reason to wait  
Jesus is calling  
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy  
From the ashes a new life is born  
Jesus is calling

***BRIDGE:*** Oh what a Savior  
Isn't he wonderful  
Sing alleluia Christ is risen  
Bow down before him  
For he is Lord of all  
Sing alleluia Christ is risen ***CHORUS***

***END:*** Bear your cross as you wait for the crown  
Tell the world of the treasure you've found

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## **As The Deer**

1. As the deer panteth for the water  
So my soul longeth after Thee  
You alone are my heart's desire  
And I long to worship Thee ***CHORUS***
2. You're my friend and You are my brother  
Even though You are a King  
I love You more than any other  
So much more than anything ***CHORUS***

***CHORUS: You alone  
are my strength my shield  
To You alone may my spirit yield  
You alone are my heart's desire  
And I long to worship Thee***

## Post-Communion Thanksgiving

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, we thank and praise You for having fed us with the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Keep us in Your faith and favor that all we do may be to Your glory. As You live in us, may we also live in You. By Your grace, grant that Your body and blood preserve us in the true faith unto everlasting life. This we ask in the name of Jesus, our loving Savior.

**G** Amen.

### Shout to the Lord

My Jesus, my Saviour  
Lord there is none like You  
All of my days I want to praise  
The wonders of Your mighty love  
My comfort, my shelter  
Tower of refuge and strength  
Let ev'ry breath, all that I am  
Never cease to worship You

***Shout to the Lord, all the Earth, let us sing  
Power and majesty, praise to the King  
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar  
At the sound of Your name  
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands  
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand  
Nothing compares  
to the promise I have in You***

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## Benediction

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**G** Amen.

## Postlude *by Jennifer Kirk*

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